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SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

SONIC AND AMY THE HEDGEHOGS AND KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA ARE TRAPPED IN A NEW LOCATION WITHOUT EXPLANATION. HOLD ON TIGHT! THERE'S NO TIME FOR RELAXATION BECAUSE WE'VE GOTTA GO FAST!

THIS IS ANOTHER FINE MESS YOU'VE GOTTEN US INTO, SONIC!

ME? HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT, KNUCKLES?

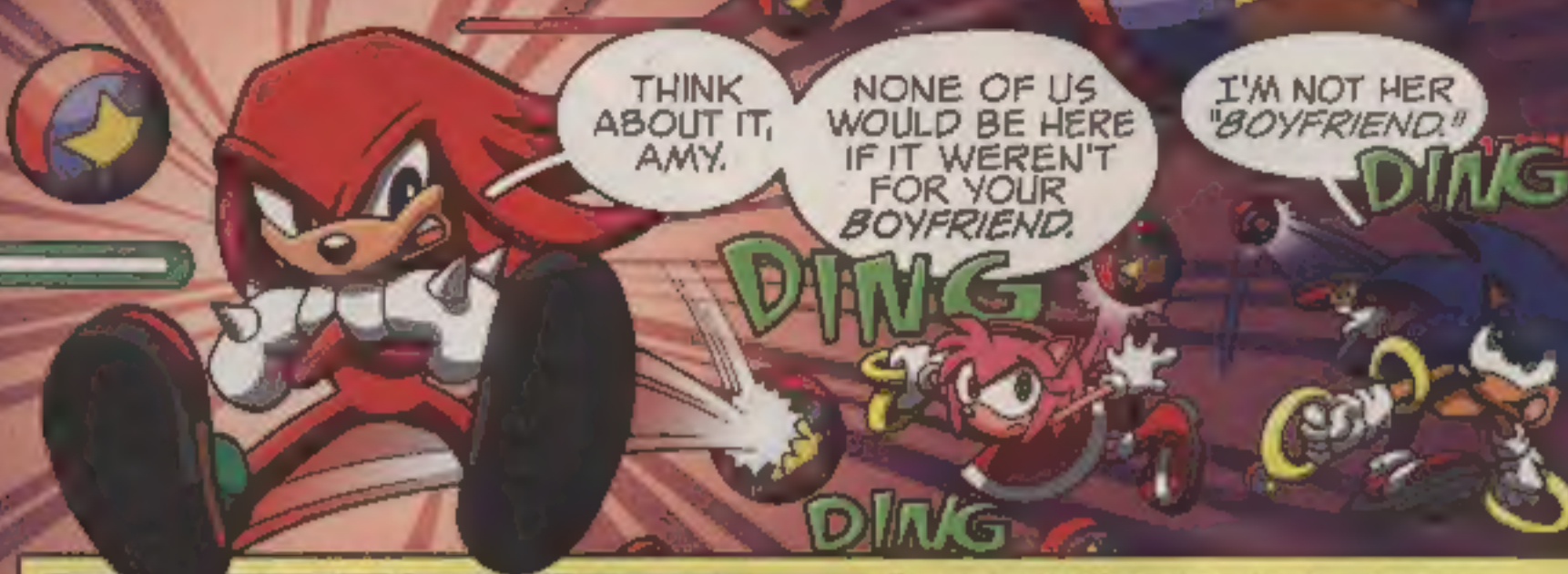
DING
DING

YEAH!
THIS HAS TO BE ONE OF DOCTOR EGGMAN'S TRAPS. SONIC DIDN'T BRING US HERE.

no thanks
for the **Part Two**
memories!

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

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THINK ABOUT IT, AMY.

NONE OF US WOULD BE HERE IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND.

I'M NOT HER "BOYFRIEND."

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DING

DING

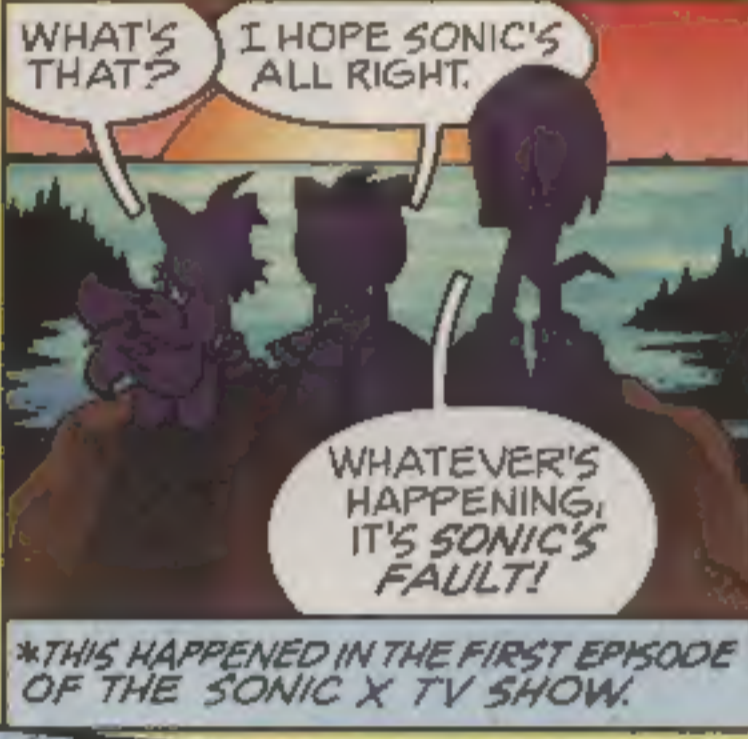


"IF SONIC HADN'T INVOKED CHAOS CONTROL DURING A BATTLE AGAINST EGGMAN ON OUR WORLD..."

I HAVE ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS NOW, EGGMAN!

GIVE UP OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCES!

"...WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SUCKED THROUGH A DIMENSIONAL RIFT AND TRAPPED ON EARTH!"



WHAT'S THAT?

I HOPE SONIC'S ALL RIGHT.

WHATEVER'S HAPPENING, IT'S SONIC'S FAULT!

*THIS HAPPENED IN THE FIRST EPISODE OF THE SONIC X TV SHOW.



SO WHAT SHOULD I DO?

LET EGGMAN GET AWAY WITH CONQUERING OUR WORLD AND EARTH?

WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE YOU?



ALMOST EVERY TIME YOU GET INTO A FIGHT WITH EGGMAN, YOUR FRIENDS GET MIXED UP IN IT, TOO!

SOME DAY, ONE OR MORE OF US MAY NOT SURVIVE ONE OF YOUR BATTLES!

SONIC DIDN'T START THIS WAR. IT ALL BEGAN WHEN EGGMAN TRIED TO CONQUER OUR HOME.

I WON'T LET HIM CONQUER ANY PLANET I LIVE ON!

BELIEVE ME--IF
EGGMAN LEFT US
ALL ALONE, I'D
HAVE NO REASON
TO FIGHT WITH
HIM.

HA HA HA!

EGG-
MAN!

HA
HA
HA!

KNUCKLES,
WAIT! THAT'S
NOT DOCTOR
EGGMAN!

BAM

ZAP

HA
HA
HA!

YOW!

HA
HA
HA!

HA
HA
HA!

LOOKS
LIKE WE
GRABBED YOU
JUST IN
TIME!

HA
HA
HA!

MEANWHILE, CHRISTOPHER THORNDYKE AND HIS GRANDFATHER CHUCK SEARCH FOR SONIC, KNUCKLES, AND THE OTHER OTHER-WORLDFLY FRIENDS AT THE TEMPLE OF THE MASTER EMERALD ON ANGEL ISLAND.

SO THAT'S IT? SONIC, AMY, TAILS, EVEN KNUCKLES--THEY ALL LEAVE EARTH WITHOUT EVEN SAYING GOOD-BYE?

I'M GOING TO BE ALL ALONE AGAIN.

NOT ALL ALONE, CHRIS.

I'M STILL HERE.

DO YOU THINK THEY ALL WENT BACK TO THEIR HOME PLANET, GRANDPA?

IT'S POSSIBLE.

WHY WOULD THEY LEAVE WITHOUT TELLING ME?

MAYBE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE. MAYBE THEY JUST VANISHED, LIKE VECTOR, ESPY, AND CHARMY.*

BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'VE LEFT. MY SCANNER IS PICKING UP THE ENERGY SIGNATURE OF THE MASTER EMERALD-- AND IT'S STILL ON EARTH!

IF WE FIND THE MASTER EMERALD, THEN WE'LL FIND KNUCKLES! HE'D NEVER LEAVE WITHOUT IT!

AND HE MAY KNOW WHERE SONIC AND THE OTHERS ARE!



*AS SEEN IN THE LAST ISSUE

KNUCKLES IS WITH SONIC AND AMY, BUT NONE OF THEM KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

HERE, TAKE A COUPLE OF THESE.

WHY?

THEY PROTECT YOU FROM GETTING HURT.

LET'S WRAP THIS UP!

HA HA HA!

HA HA HA!

PONN
PONN
PONN
PONN

THIS WOULD BE EASIER IF I HAD MY HAMMER!

HA HA HA!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAMMER?

EVER SINCE I GOT TO THIS PLACE, I CAN'T FEEL IT ANYMORE.

HA HA HA!

GET HIM!

BOOM!

DON'T BOTHER. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM.

BESIDES,
IT'S JUST
SOME
KIND OF
ROBOT!

ROUGE!

YOU BETTER
BELIEVE IT,
BIG BOY!

THIS
BAT IS
BUSTIN'
OUT!



YOW!

NOW
WHAT?

I'D SAY
WE'RE BEING
MOVED TO THE
NEXT LEVEL!

CRACK

HMMMMM.
PRETTY LITTLE
THINGS, JUST
LIKE ME!

YOU'VE
GOT TO
SHARE THOSE
RINGS, ROUGE
THEY PROTECT
US FROM
ATTACKS.

WATER!
I HATE
WATER!

MISTER TANAKA'S
BEEN GIVING
YOU SWIMMING
LESSONS IN CHRIS'S
SWIMMING POOL.

DOES THIS MAKE US ENGAGED NOW?

NOT IN A HUNDRED MILLION YEARS!

YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM NOW, OR YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE PRESIDENT'S MISSION A WHILE BACK.*

THAT DOESN'T MEAN I LIKE WATER!

*IT HAPPENED IN ISSUE # 2

WHEN I DID THE MISSION FOR THE PRESIDENT, I HAD DIVING GEAR. I DON'T THIS TIME.

DON'T WORRY, SONIC. WE'LL PROTECT YOU!

I HATE WATER. I HATE WATER. I HATE WATER.

YIKES!

BLAST! THE WATER'S SLOWING ME WAY DOWN!

THOSE FISHBOTS GOT BY ME!

OUCH!



RUNNING
OUT OF
AIR!

I WISH I
HADN'T DROPPED
MY RING!

GASP GASP

I
WONDER
WHAT
THIS
DOES...?

I GUESS I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE STEPPED
ON THAT
BUTTON!

WHOOOSH!

HA
HA
HA!

HA HA HA!

I THINK
THERE'S A
WAY OUT
OVERHEAD.

HA
HA
HA!

WHAT
HAPPENED
?

WELL,
HURRY!
THE WATER'S
ABOUT TO
OVERTAKE
US!

THERE'S
THAT FAKE
EGG MAN,
BUT I CAN'T
REACH HIM
TO BOP
HIM!

I CAN'T
FLY FOR
SOME
REASON.

SPLASH!

MEANWHILE, AT THE SOUTH POLE, WHERE DR. EGGMAN IS HIDING OUT ABOARD HIS EGG CARRIER...

WHEEEEE!
ISN'T THIS A
HOOT!?!

WE DON'T
KNOW, YOU
WON'T LET
US PLAY.

THIS PROGRAM
DOESN'T HAVE A
CONTINUE UNLESS
SONIC ENTERS THE
SPECIAL STAGE.

SINCE HE
HASN'T DONE THAT,
I DON'T DARE LET
YOU BUNGLING
BOTS FOUL UP
MY GAME!

THE BOSS
SEEMS EVEN MORE
INCOHERENT THAN
USUAL, BOCOE.

I DON'T THINK
A DICTIONARY IS
GOING TO HELP
US THIS TIME,
DECOE.

WE STILL
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...

...THE POINT
OF THIS
SCHEME.

I DON'T CARE. HE'S
TOO DISTRACTED
TO NOTICE THAT I'M
EATING ALL THIS
NUTBALL CRUNCH
ICE CREAM. YUM!

I AM GOING TO
PERMANENTLY
REMOVE SONIC
AND ALL HIS FURRY
LITTLE FRIENDS
FROM THIS PLANET
ONCE AND FOR ALL.

THEN *NOTHING* CAN STAND IN THE WAY OF ME CONQUERING THIS PATHETIC PLANET! HA HA HA HA HA HA!

BUT HOW EXACTLY DOES THIS DEATH TRAP WORK?

SIGH
IT'S SIMPLE, REALLY...

I HAVE TRAPPED SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS IN A DEADLY VIRTUAL REALITY WORLD THAT IS POWERED BY THE MASTER EMERALD.

BY THE TIME THEY REACH THE FINAL LEVEL OF THE TRAP, THEY WILL HAVE EXPENDED SO MUCH ENERGY THAT IT WILL OVERLOAD THE CIRCUITS OF OUR SECRET WAR. THEN THEY AND THE TRAP WILL BE BLOWN TO KINGDOM COME (OR AT LEAST THE MOON), SOLVING WHAT HAS BEEN AN INFINITE CRISIS ACROSS MULTIPLE EARTHS AND WILL LEAD TO THE ULTIMATE HOUSE OF EGGMAN!

THAT DOESN'T SOUND *SIMPLE* TO ME, DECOE.

MAYBE HE'S USING A *DICTERENT* DICTIONARY THAN YOU, BOCOE.

WOULDN'T IT BE *SIMPLER* JUST TO BLOW THEM UP DIRECTLY?

IT *MIGHT* BE, BUT THIS CONTROLLER HELPS ME DEVELOP MY *HAND/EYE* COORDINATION.

OOOOO!
THEY'RE ALMOST TO THE STAR LIGHT LEVEL!

BOKKUN!
ARE YOU EATING MY NUTBALL CRUNCH?!

EEP!

WHERE DID THAT
ERSATZ
EGGMAN
GO?

HE
DISAPPEARED
AS SOON AS I
GOT TO THE
TOP OF THE
CAVERN.



WHERE
DO WE GO
NOW?

I DON'T KNOW,
I JUST *KEEP*
GOING.

DO YOU SMELL
SOMETHING
BURNING?



WELL,
WE'VE GOT
TO BE ON THE
LOOKOUT FOR
BOMBS.

YOU
THINK?

I THOUGHT
*I WAS THE
HOT STUFF*
AROUND
HERE.

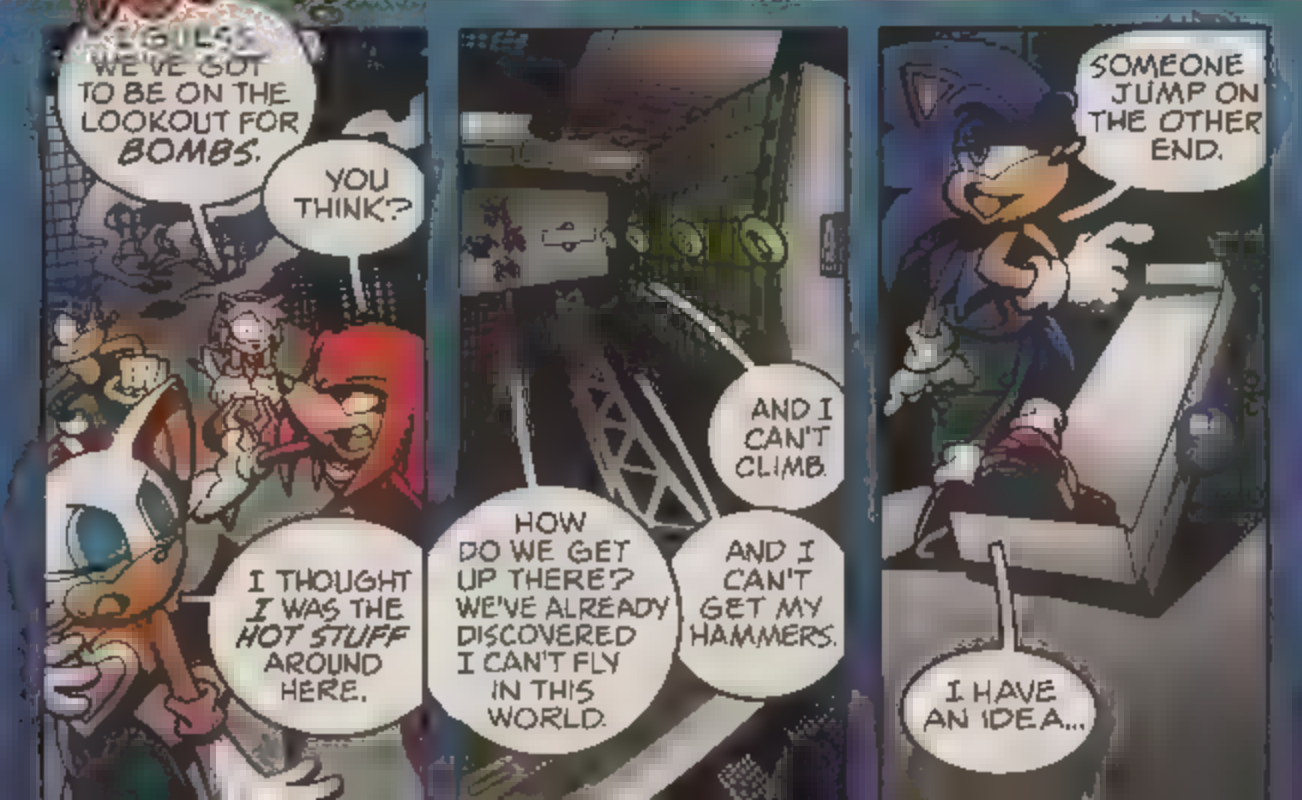
HOW
DO WE GET
UP THERE?
WE'VE ALREADY
DISCOVERED
I CAN'T FLY
IN THIS
WORLD.

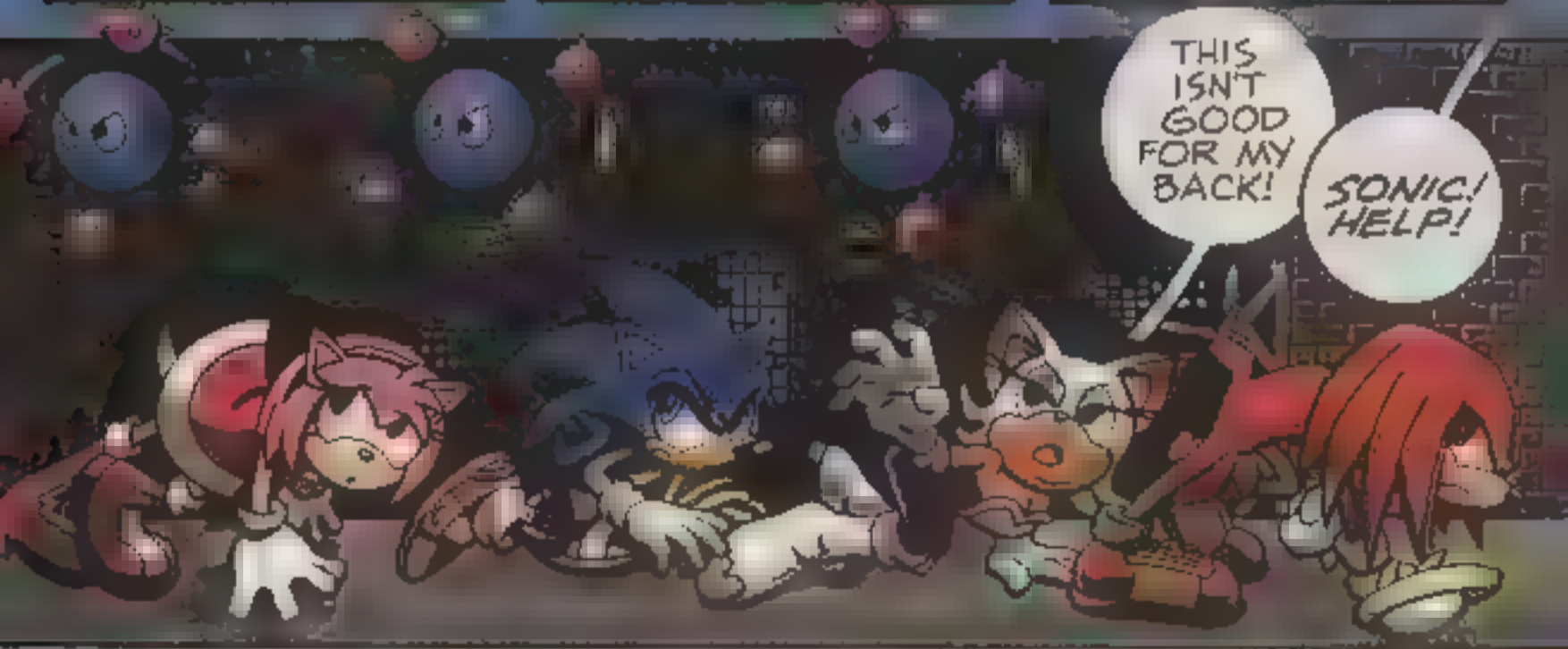
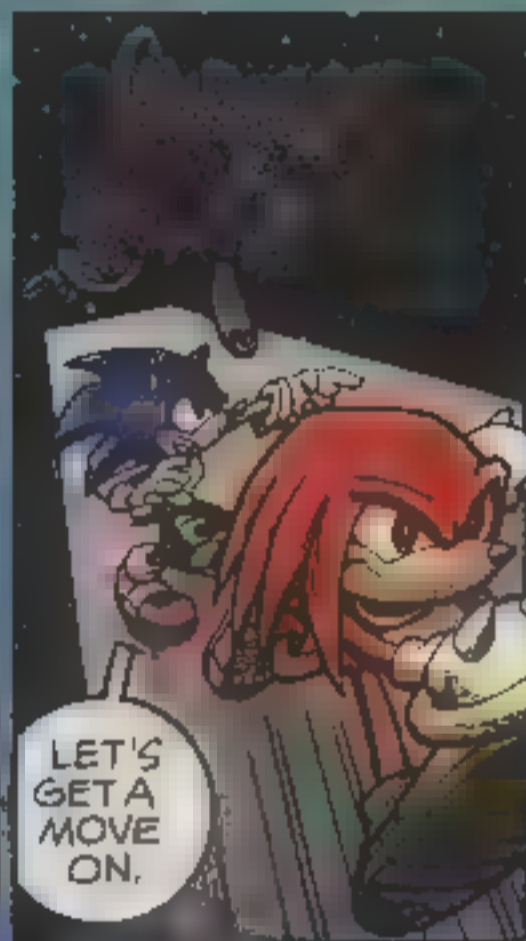
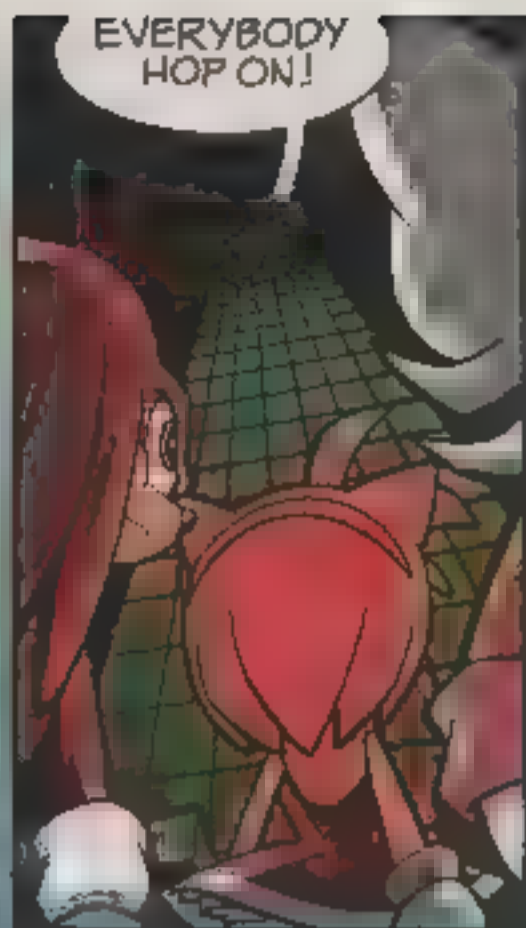
AND I
CAN'T
CLIMB.

AND I
CAN'T
GET MY
HAMMERS.

SOMEONE
JUMP ON
THE OTHER
END.

I HAVE
AN IDEA...








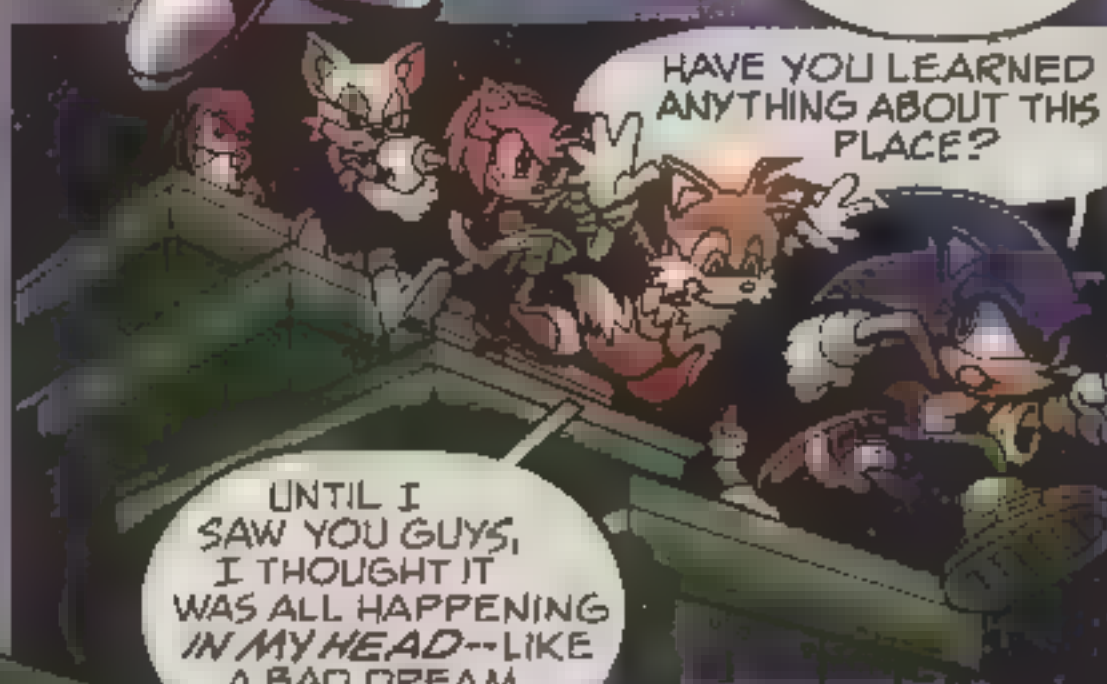
TAILS!

**WE'LL
SAVE YOU,
BUDDY!**



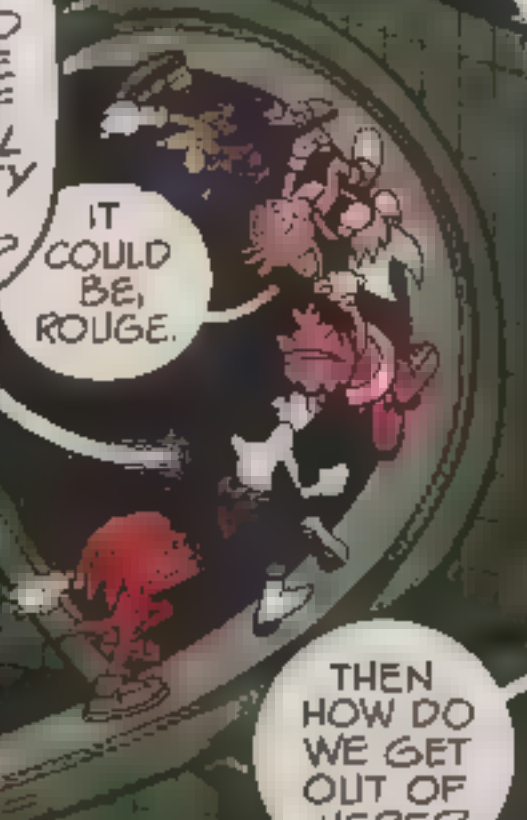
**BOY, AM I
GLAD TO SEE
YOU GUYS! I'VE
BEEN TRAPPED
HERE FOR
HOURS.**

GOTCHA!



**HAVE YOU LEARNED
ANYTHING ABOUT THIS
PLACE?**

**UNTIL I
SAW YOU GUYS,
I THOUGHT IT
WAS ALL HAPPENING
IN MY HEAD--LIKE
A BAD DREAM.**



**DO YOU
THINK
IT COULD
BE SOME
KIND OF
VIRTUAL
REALITY
MIND
GAMES?**

**IT
COULD
BE,
ROUGE.**

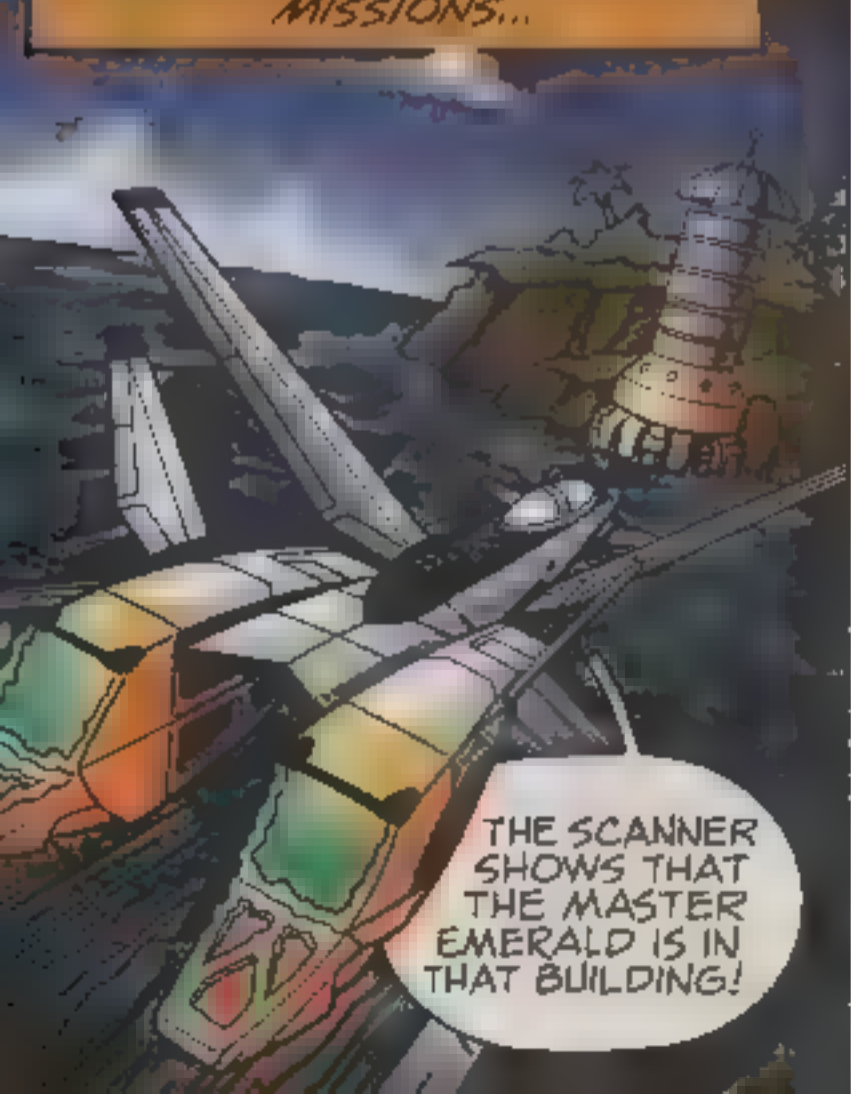
**HA HA
HA!**

**THEN
HOW DO
WE GET
OUT OF
HERE?**

**WE HAVE
OTHER THINGS
TO WORRY ABOUT
RIGHT NOW!**



MEANWHILE, THE X-TORNADO CLOSES IN ON THE MASTER EMERALD'S ENERGY TRANSMISSIONS...



THE SCANNER SHOWS THAT THE MASTER EMERALD IS IN THAT BUILDING!



THAT'S EGGMAN'S OLD LAIR!

I THOUGHT IT GOT BLOWN UP!

SO DID A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE!

HEH
HEH
HEH!

I'M
WINNING!

BUT THEY
JUST BLEW
UP YOUR GRAND-
FATHER'S
SHIP!

IT'S JUST A *SPRITE* DESIGNED
TO LOOK LIKE MY *GRANDFATHER*
ROBOTNIK--THE GENIUS WHO
INVENTED THE TECHNOLOGY ON
WHICH I BASED THIS BRILLIANT
TRAP!

BESIDES--LOOK AT
THE *POWER METER*...

SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS
HAVE EXPENDED SO MUCH
ENERGY THAT THEY ARE AT
THE DANGER LEVEL.

BY MY
CALCULATIONS,
ONE MORE MAJOR
BATTLE WILL PUSH
THEM OVER THE
EDGE...

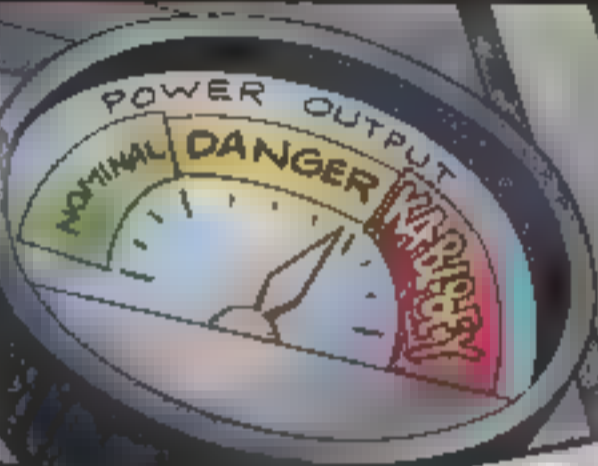
...AND THEY
WILL BE
SENT TO
THE MOON!

AND ONCE
I TRANSFORM
THE MOON INTO
THE EGGMOON,
THEY WILL BE
DESTROYED
ONCE AND
FOR ALL!

AND IF
WE DO GET
OUT, WHERE
WILL WE
BE?

HOPEFULLY
SOME PLACE
COZY WHERE
A GIRL CAN
GET TO KNOW
A BOY
BETTER.

IS THERE ANY
WAY OUT OF THIS
PLACE?



ALL I KNOW IS WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE...

...AND THAT WE ALL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL BECAUSE NONE OF US HAVE ANY RINGS LEFT.

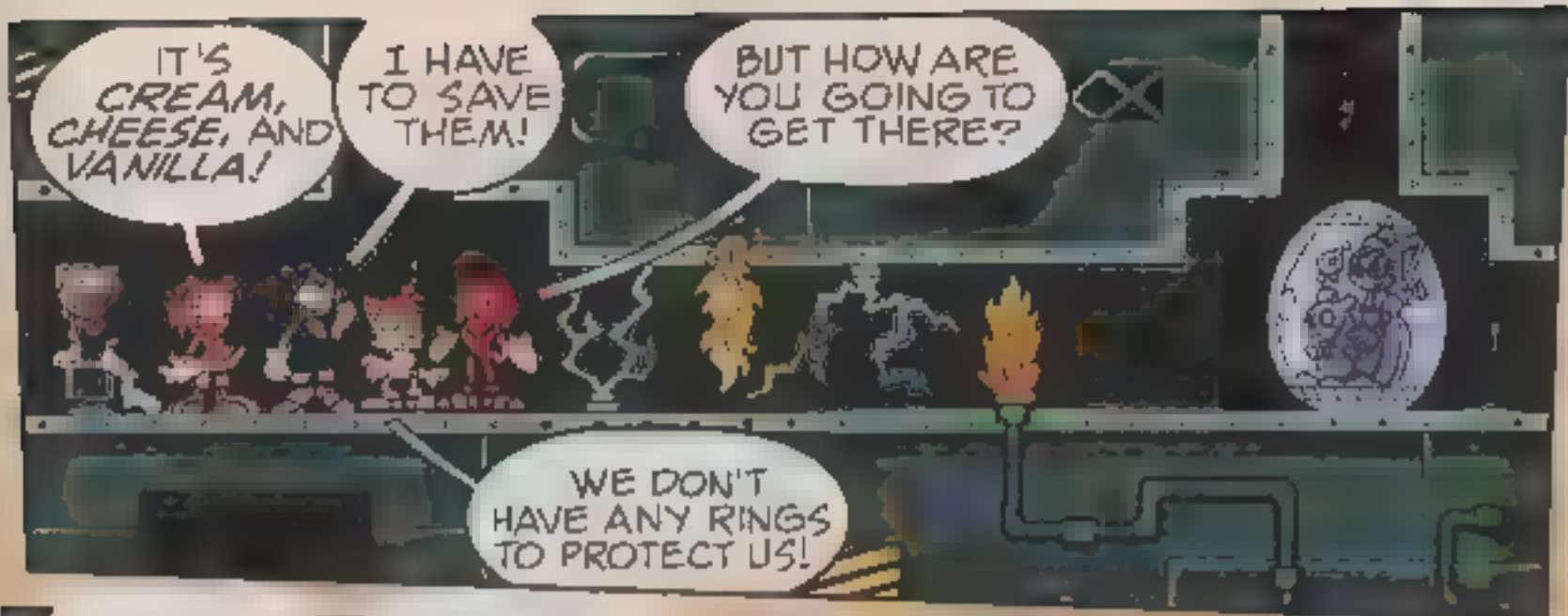
LOOK OUT!

THIS IS NOT MY IDEA OF HAVING A BALL!

POOF

POOF

SONIC!
LOOK!

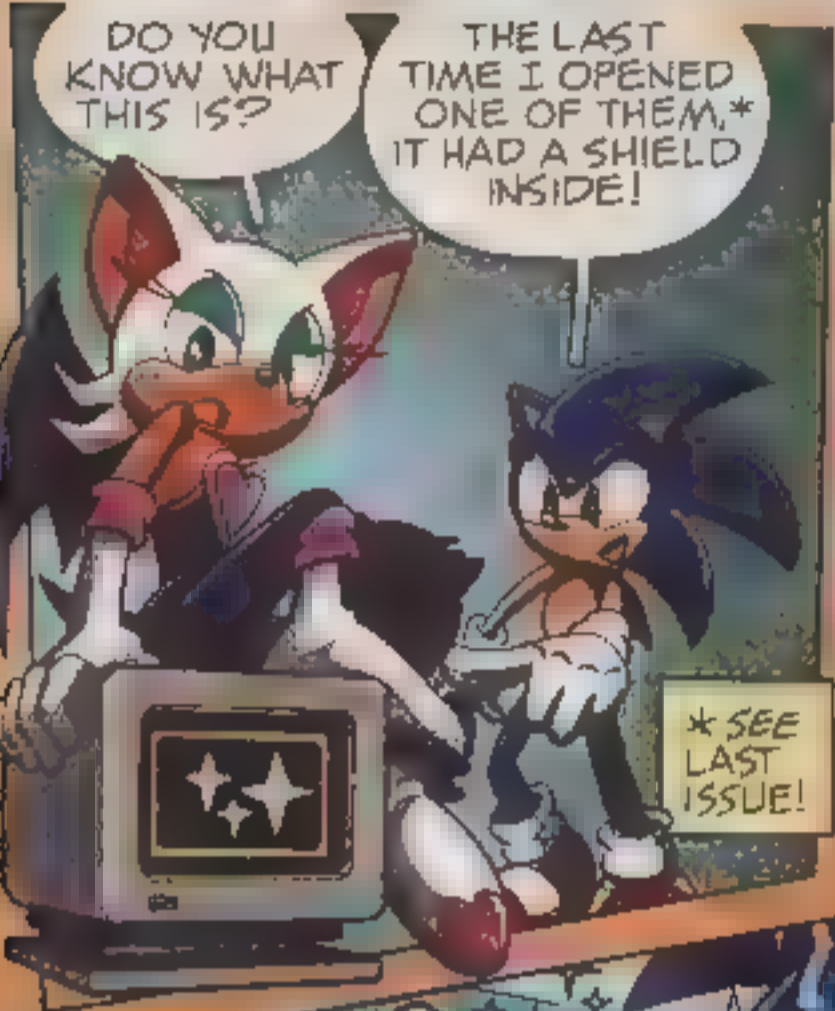


IT'S CREAM, CHEESE, AND VANILLA!

I HAVE TO SAVE THEM!

BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET THERE?

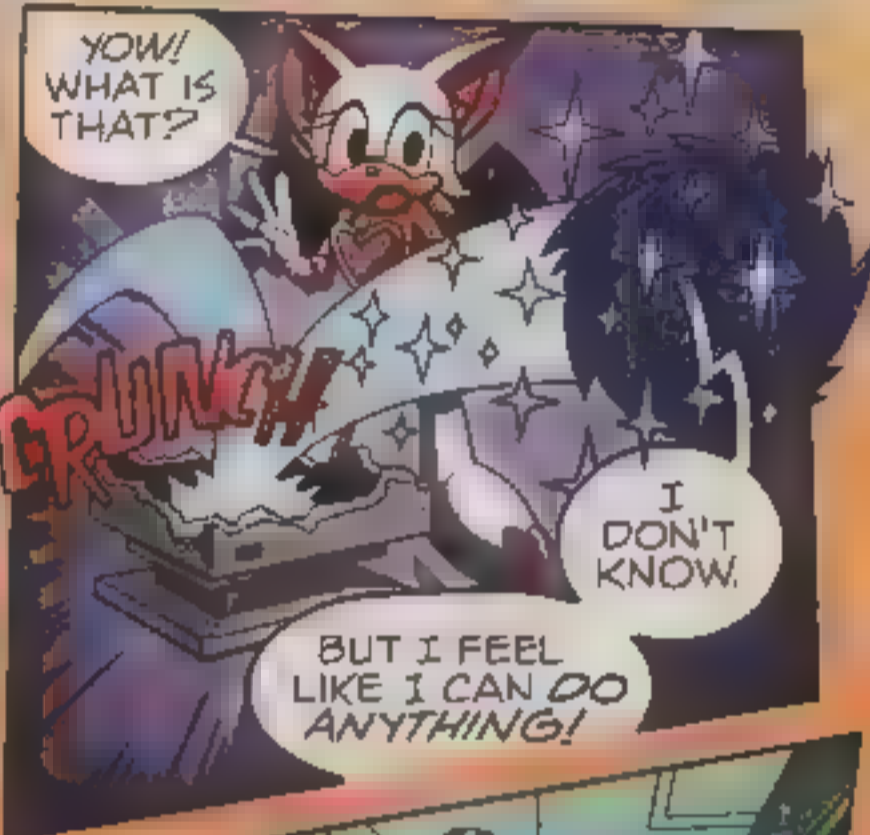
WE DON'T HAVE ANY RINGS TO PROTECT US!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?

THE LAST TIME I OPENED ONE OF THEM,* IT HAD A SHIELD INSIDE!

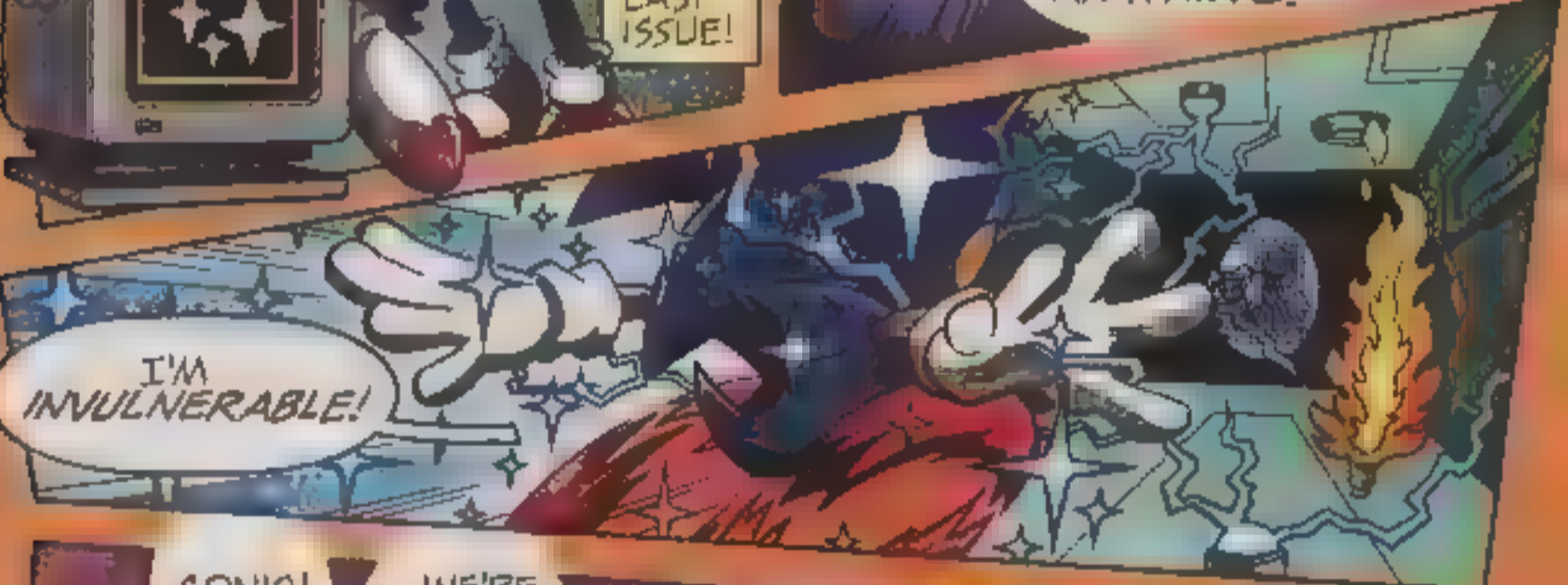
* SEE LAST ISSUE!



YOW! WHAT IS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW.

BUT I FEEL LIKE I CAN DO ANYTHING!



I'M INVULNERABLE!



SONIC!

WE'RE SO GLAD TO SEE YOU.

CHAO!

THANK YOU FOR SAVING US.

WHAT ABOUT US?

I DON'T KNOW. MY INVULNERABILITY HAS WORN OFF!

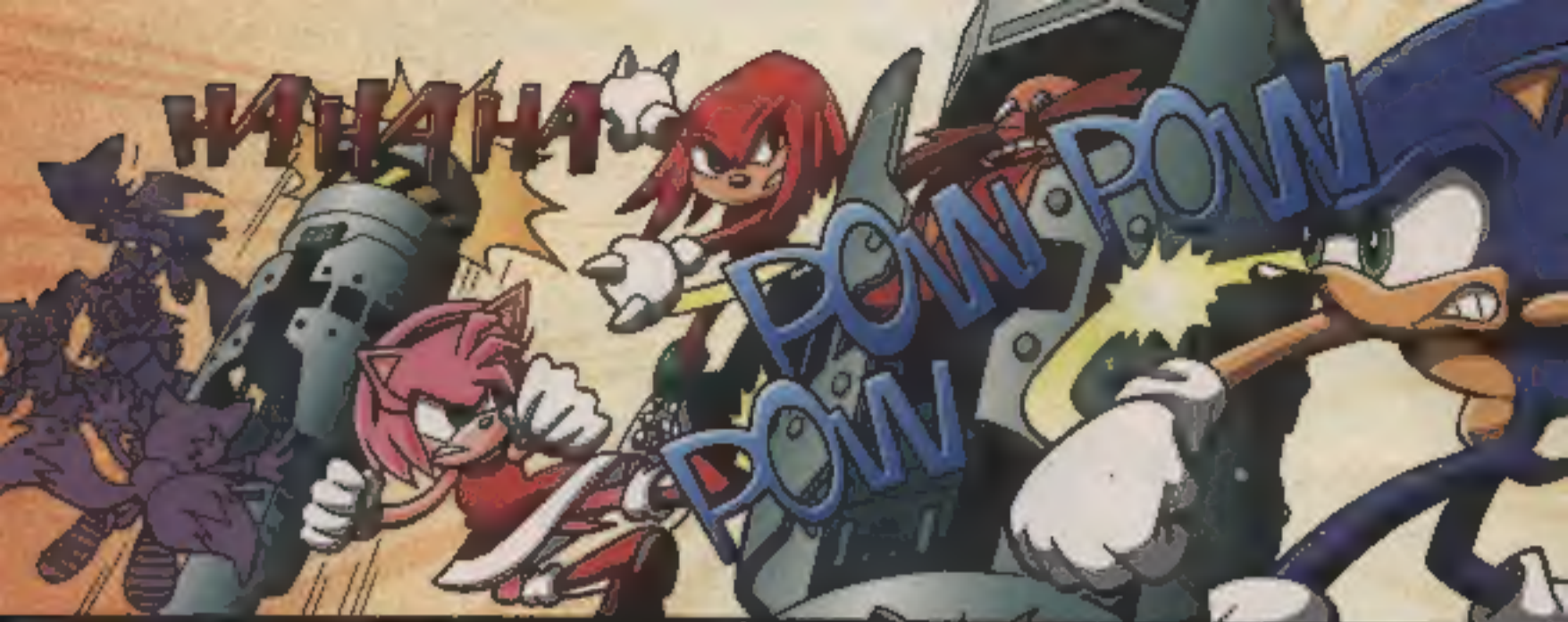
CHAO!

CHAO!
CHAO!
CHAO!

PRESS

YOW!

PREPARE TO MEET YOUR ENDS! THIS IS THE FINAL STAGE! HA HAHahaha!



HAHAHAHA

DOWN
DOWN
DOWN



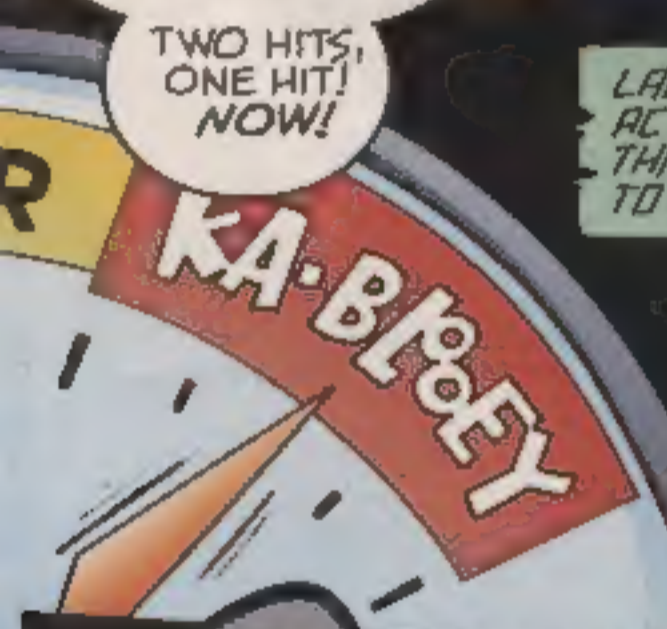
HEH HEH!

I HAVE
ALMOST
WON!

FIVE...FOUR...
THREE...TWO MORE
HITS AND HIS
FRIENDS WILL GET
THE SURPRISE OF
THEIR LIVES!

TWO HITS,
ONE HIT!
NOW!

LAUNCH SEQUENCE
ACTIVATED...!
THIRTY SECONDS
TO KA-BLOEY.



NOW
IT'S BANG,
ZOOM,
TO THE
MOON!

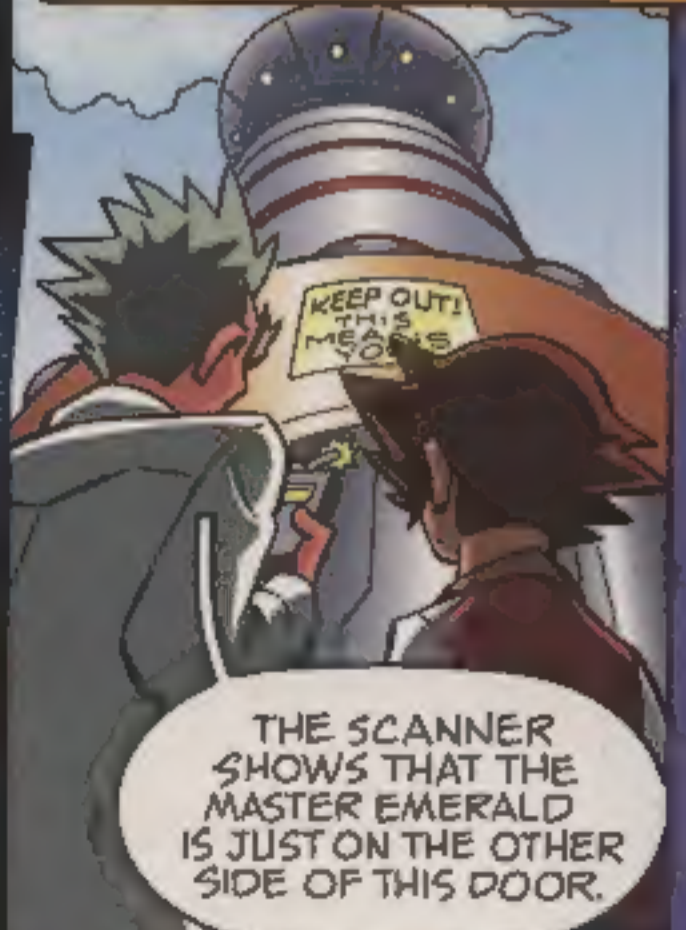
AND NO
ONE CAN
STOP ME
NOW!



HAHAHAHAHAHA

OF COURSE, WE ALL
KNOW HOW MUCH
DR. EGGMAN LOVES
TO COUNT HIS EGGS
BEFORE THEY'RE
HATCHED.

HE DIDN'T COUNT ON CHRIS
AND CHUCK INFILTRATING HIS
OLD BEACHFRONT LAIR.



THE SCANNER
SHOWS THAT THE
MASTER EMERALD
IS JUST ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THIS DOOR.

SONIC!

TWENTY-FIVE SECONDS TO LAUNCH!

TWENTY SECONDS TO LAUNCH!

WHAT HAPPENED?

SONIC, YOU'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST. EGG-MAN HAS THIS PLACE SET TO LAUNCH TO THE MOON IN TWENTY SECONDS!

FIFTEEN SECONDS TO LAUNCH!

IT'S DRAWING POWER FROM THE MASTER EMERALD!

EVERYBODY! GET OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

MASTER EMERALD DISCONNECTED.

LAUNCH ABORTED.

SYSTEMS OVERLOADED.

SYSTEMS WILL TERMINATE IN FORTY-TWO SECONDS!

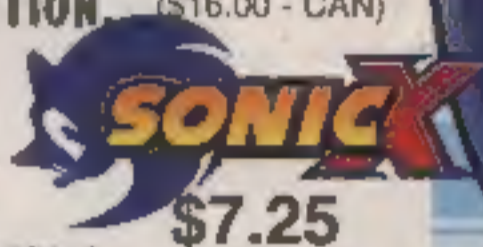
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